GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Neradi Barrage over the river Bausadhara in Orissa;

(b) whether the extent of benefits to be derived from the project in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh has been properly assessed;

(c) if so, the total areas of land is likely to be submerged in both the States and the total number of villages/urban areas and population is likely to be affected;

(d) the hectres of land is likely to be irrigated in both the States after completing the Barrage, State-wise;

(e) whether some people of Orissa are agitating over this issue since long; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradeshsubmitted project report of Vamsadhara Stage-II during 1983 to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal. The project proposal envisaged construction of a barrage at Neradi across Vamsadhara river for providing irrigation facilities to an area of 43415 hectares besides providing stabilization to an area of 59986 hectares in Andhra Pradesh. Irrigation in the State of Orissa was not envisaged inthe project proposal. However, provision for a head sluice is made to meet the future demand of Orissa. The Neradi Barrage would cause submergence of 106 acres ofland in Orissa. However, no village is affected.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Clearance of the projet is linked with the resolution of inter-state issues between the States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.